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Mr. Robert W. Barnett
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Far Eastern Affairs
Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barnett:

I have wanted to write to you for some time regarding the work of our economic research Office here in CIA. Bill Bundy is pretty thoroughly familiar with our general line of research and, as you may know, Ray Cline has on occasions sent our reports to you and to Bill and, earlier, to Marshall Green when he felt the conclusions were of special interest. Recently we have turned out a large number of reports on various aspects of the logistic situation in Vietnam and the pattern of Free World shipping into that area. Much of this has been in support of the State Department, including the Unger Committee. Our research on areas of the Far East and Southeast Asia has not been confined to the war zone, however, and as examples I am enclosing two papers on other areas which may be of some interest: one covering our most recent evaluation of the agricultural situation in Communist China and the other dealing with the economic situation in Japan.

On the basis of our contacts with other policy offices around town, I believe that it would be mutually beneficial if we could give you a general idea of our research capability and some of our present lines of inquiry and if you could give us some idea of the sort of research which you feel might be most useful over the coming months. I'd like to give you a ring some time within the next week or so to see whether it might be possible for us to get together.

Sincerely,



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Acting Director
Research and Reports

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